

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2009**

COMMISSION

Larry Powell – Chairman
David Spears – Vice Chair
Lynette Gilks
Dianne Moore
Troy Emmett – ABSENT

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

CHAIRMAN POWELL called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

MINUTES:

Clerk/Treasurer read the minutes of the November 5, 2009 Village Commission Meeting.
Comm. Spears moved to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Comm. Gilks asked if there had been a press release regarding the drop in the arsenic levels in the Village's water. Clerk/Treasurer stated that the final testing has been done and the levels have dropped to 5ppm and a press release will go out in a few days.
2. Comm. Gilks asked if the convex mirror had been ordered. Clerk/Treasurer stated that the mirror was ordered and has been received. Comm. Spears stated that a local supplier was found at the same cost as the US supplier, so the mirror was purchased locally.
3. Comm. Moore asked if anyone had attended the Lifplex Meeting held last week. Comm. Powell stated he had attended and there was a fairly good turn out from the public. There were 24 presenters all in favour of the Lifplex facility and 16 positive written submissions. All County Councilors were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Well Project Update

Supt. of Public Works submitted the following report:

- MAC/IMAC testing has been completed on the treated blended water and the results are being sent to the NSDEL

- raw water testing conducted on PW 3 showed a drop in the arsenic levels from 4.5ppm to 2ppm
- blended water testing conducted showed an overall drop in arsenic from 6ppm to 5ppm
- all work for this project has now been completed except for the installation of the west end SCADA site

Public Works Update

Supt. of Public Works submitted the following report:

- hydrants have been winterized and flagged
- car accident in village on Nov. 12th causing damage to a power pole and broke off a hydrant that had to be replaced
- picked-up a load of barrels in Falmouth
- Public Works employees attended a 1 day HYDRANT course in New Minas on Dec. 2nd
- installed snow equipment on tractor
- winterized lift stations
- cleaned up around works department in preparation for snow clearing
- worked on reservoir road to prepare for the winter
- working on preparations for “Christmas in the Village”
- waiting for Sewer Treatment Plant approval

Barteaux Brook Erosion Update

Comm. Powell gave an update on this problem outlining the following:

- Supt. Public Works met with the engineer from NSDTIR
- the Village then met with NSDEL & NSDTIR regarding the temporary stabilization of the sewer pipe
- the temporary repair is scheduled for December 8th and at that time there will be work conducted to cover the exposed private water lines
- Comm. Powell gave a description as to how the pipe is to be stabilized

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Comm. Gilks made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recreation

No report available from the Recreation Association.

Comm. Powell stated that the Men’s 4 on 4 Hockey was beginning at the Arena on Friday, Dec. 4th and every Friday evening for the winter season.

Activities/Events Planning Committee

Comm. Spears reported on the following:

- everything is ready for Saturday's Christmas event
- the Home Decorating Contest judging will take place Dec. 14th to 18th with the winner being announced on Dec. 21st
- Seniors are having a Christmas get-together on Monday, Dec. 14th at 12 noon at the Legion. All seniors 55 years plus are invited to attend

Annapolis County Council Report

No report was available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Annapolis County Council – Provincial Day to Honour Volunteer Firefighters

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from Annapolis County Council to Premier Dexter requesting consideration by the Province to designate a day during Fire Prevention Week as "Volunteer Firefighters Day". After a discussion, the Village Commission will send a letter to the Premier supporting Annapolis County Council's request.

2. Annapolis County Council – Placement of Civic Numbers

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from Annapolis County Council to Federal Ministers John Baird and Robert Merrifield regarding Canada Post's request that civic numbers be placed on their rural mailboxes. After a discussion, the Village Commission will send a letter to the respective Ministers supporting Annapolis County Councils' concerns.

3. Citizenship & Immigration Canada

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from Federal Minister Jason Kenney regarding the "Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism". The Village Commission acknowledges receipt of this correspondence and will forward it to any group/individual interested in the information.

4. Town of Bridgetown

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from the Mayor of the Town of Bridgetown to Chairperson of the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board regarding the facilities review the AVRSB is undertaking. Comm. Powell stated that he had attended the meeting on Nov. 17th where he and a number of others made presentations. The consensus from the presentations and those in attendance was *to keep our children in our own communities*. Final deadline for submission is Dec. 31st and Comm. Powell will prepare a letter of support on behalf of the Village Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Office Hours of Operation Over Christmas

Clerk/Treasurer asked the Commission if the Village Office could close for the three days in between Christmas and New Years so staff could use up annual vacation before the end of the year. There would be snow removal and public works staff working as per normal. After a discussion, the Village Office will be closed from Dec. 24th to Jan. 3rd inclusive, re-opening on Jan. 4th.

Acadian Bus Lines

Comm. Powell stated that Acadian Bus Lines has filed an application to the NB Energy & Utilities Board asking to discontinue the route from Kentville to Digby. After a discussion, the Commission feels this is a very important issue that could negatively impact this area and will monitor this situation closely over the next few weeks.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Spears moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CLERK/TREASURER